Amendment in the Press and Registration of Books Act

152. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any move has been made to amend the Press and Registration of Books Act in view of Government's decision to allow foreign newspapers and periodicals published in facsimile editions from India;

(b) whether it is not a fact that there are some guidelines and on the basis of these International Herald Tribune is being published in India from Hyderabad; and

(c) if so, what is the need to amend the PRB Act?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) There are no guidelines on the basis of which International Herald Tribune is being published in India. Certain loopholes in the existing legislation led to its publication, which are now proposed to be plugged.

(c) The Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 is very old and as such a move has been initiated to amend the same to bring it in line with the present times.

Losses by NFDC

153. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Film Development Corporation is suffering huge financial loss due to non-realisation of dues amount to crores of rupees from the advertisement agents;

(b) if so, the details of the advertisement agents and the amount to be recovered from them; and

(c) the action being taken for recovery of dues?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) The National Film Development